

Executive Secretary
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Honorable Arthur S. Flemming
Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Flemming:

I have been following with interest the work of your Special Interdepartmental Committee which has culminated in the establishment of a National Committee for the Development of Scientists and Engineers.

As you know, we are working at this time with representatives of your Office, the National Science Foundation, and the Departments of Defense and Health, Education and Welfare in the preparation of a report to the National Security Council on the problem of maintaining U. S. technological superiority. In the last analysis, this broader problem resolves itself largely into one of providing adequately trained scientists and engineers in ever increasing numbers. We have been able to furnish information on Soviet efforts to satisfy their needs as well as examples of actual Soviet achievements which point up the urgency of implementing such recommendations as the new National Committee may make. These are examples of the assistance this Agency can provide.

I have asked Dr. Herbert Scoville, my assistant for scientific intelligence, to keep your Office informed of the progress and results of our studies on Soviet scientific manpower as well as other activities which can contribute to the mission of the National Committee for the Development of Scientists and Engineers. Please inform the Committee that my staff and I will be pleased to cooperate with them in their important undertaking. They should feel free to call upon us whenever we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In a recent communication President Eisenhower informed me that he was "approving the establishment of a National Committee for the Development of Scientists and Engineers to function in the manner described in your memorandum of March 16, 1956."

For your information I am enclosing a copy of my memorandum to the President. In order that you may have the full background and mission of the Committee, I am also enclosing a copy of the President's statement, a copy of his letter to the Chairman of the Committee and a list of Committee members.

In the statement which the President issued announcing the establishment of this Committee, he said: "I am directing all departments and agencies of the Government to cooperate fully with the work of the National Committee and at the same time, to re-evaluate and strengthen in every appropriate way their own activities which can contribute to the development and effective utilization of scientists and engineers."

I know that you and your associates will be ready to respond to the President's directive whenever the National Committee for the Development of Scientists and Engineers requests your assistance. Although the National Science Foundation is providing secretariat for the Committee, the cooperation of all departments and agencies is essential to the success of the Committee in the work which the President has asked it to undertake.

I would appreciate it if you would keep this Office informed of the steps taken by your Department to re-evaluate and strengthen activities which can contribute to the development and effective utilization of scientists and engineers.

If we can provide you with any information regarding this action by the President, or if we can be of any assistance to you in connection with your activities in this area, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Sincerely,

Arthur S. Flemming
Director

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